

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the Claims will replace all prior listings and versions of the Claims in the application.

- 1 1 (currently amended) An article for smoking an elongate tobacco product
2 ~~comprising~~consisting of:
- 3 a) a mouthpiece having an inside surface and an outside surface,
4 comprising a first end defining a receptacle therein and a second
5 end ~~comprising~~having an outside surface capable of being grasped
6 in a smoker's mouth and defining an outlet chamber within the
7 mouthpiece, wherein said mouthpiece consists of a single piece of
8 molded plastic ;
- 9 b) a holder, the holder being directly inserted into the receptacle, the
10 holder ~~comprising~~ consisting of:
- 11 i) a first section disposed at an end of the holder defining an
12 inside chamber capable of holding the elongate tobacco
13 product in place and allowing a volume for collection of
14 combustion products therein, the first section having an
15 outside surface with a diameter too large to fit into the
16 receptacle in the mouth piece,
- 17 ii) a second section in series with the first section and having
18 an inside and an outside surface, the second section
19 contoured to fit into the receptacle in the mouthpiece and
20 defining a continuation of the inside chamber,
- 21 iii) a first annular support and a second annular support on the
22 outside surface of the second section, each annular support
23 being capable of holding a resilient ring thereon, and
- 24 iv) an annular baffle on the outside surface of the second
25 section between the first annular support and the second
26 annular support;

27 c) two resilient rings, one resilient ring supported on each annular
 28 support, wherein the mouthpiece and the holder are contoured
 29 such that when the holder is inserted into the mouthpiece the two
 30 resilient rings are in snug contact with the inner surface of the
 31 mouthpiece forming a sealed chamber between them in the annular
 32 space between the outside surface of the second section and the
 33 inside surface of the mouthpiece, and wherein the holder defines at
 34 ~~least one~~ two restricted passages from the inside chamber to the
 35 sealed chamber, said ~~at least one~~ two restricted passages being
 36 directed towards the inside surface of the mouthpiece between the
 37 two annular supports, and wherein the holder further defines an exit
 38 passage having ~~two~~ at least one inlets between the baffle and the
 39 second annular support and an exit into the outlet chamber of the
 40 mouthpiece; and
 41 d) wherein the holder includes a barrier in series with the inside
 42 chamber such that combustion products can only pass between the
 43 inside chamber and the outlet chamber through a path through the
 44 restricted passage, the sealed chamber and the exit passage in
 45 sequence; and
 46 e) wherein the holder consists of a single piece of molded plastic.
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1 2 (cancelled)

1 3 (original) The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a
 2 cigarette of the type without an integral filter.

1 4 (original) The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a
 2 cigarette with an integral filter.

- 1 5 (original)The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a
2 cigar.
- 1 6 (previously presented)The article of claim [6]1 wherein the resilient rings
2 are o-rings.
- 1 7 (original) The article of claim 6 wherein the mouthpiece comprises
2 polystyrene, the holder comprises Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene, and the
3 resilient rings are rubber o-rings.
- 1 8 (previously presented) The article of claim 6 wherein the holder has
2 symmetry about a central plane, wherein any cross section perpendicular
3 to the central plane is circular.
- 1 9 (original) The article of claim 8 wherein the at least one restricted passage
2 is perpendicular to the central plane of symmetry whereby combustion
3 products are made to change direction by approximately 90 degrees in
4 passing between the second inside chamber and the sealed chamber.
- 1 10 (cancelled)
- 1 11 (original) The article of claim 8 wherein the exit passage causes a change
2 in direction, whereby combustion products are made to change direction
3 by approximately 90 degrees in passing between the sealed chamber and
4 the outlet chamber.
- 1 12 (Cancelled)
- 1 13 (Cancelled).
- 14- 18 (Cancelled)